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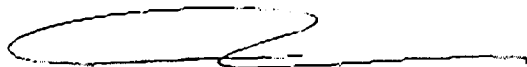
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Before retiring as a wholesaler, I entered the technology field in 1996. I have learned a lot because of Microsoft's operating systems. Microsoft has been a great innovator.

I support the settlement that was reached in November 2001. I believe it is in the best interest of our industry and the country. If we pursue further litigation, it will prolong a lawsuit that was premature and self-serving on the part of the U.S. government.

Where would we be without such an innovator? Put this issue behind us and move on to more important business. Thank you for this opportunity to publicly voice my opinion.

Sincerely,



Jerry Gerber